

**SFLO Advisory Committee Meeting
February 6, 2008
Natural Resources Building Room 461**

10:00- Risk Assessment (management) Strategy Discussion:

Sherri Fox and Ken Miller presented the idea of the Risk Assessment Strategy to the group to find out how the Advisory Committee felt about it before presenting it at the Forest and Fish Policy Meeting on February 7, 2008. A summary of the groups responses are as follows:

The Small Forest Landowners feel that this could be a tool used to help landowners to asses the risk of their actions before an ID team comes out. It would be help to minimize the number of failed attempts at getting a permit.

David Whipple (WDFW)

- Concerns about whether it would be possible to create a model that would incorporate all of the functions while still keeping simple enough for the average person to use effectively.
- He also raised the concern that this type of model might give a Landowner a false sense of security thinking that they have assessed their own plan and it will no doubt be approved, which could cause more trouble in the end for regulatory people, ID teams, and landowners.

Mark Hicks (DOE)

- Feels that the amount of data needed to make an accurate and useful model is way more data than we have the resources to provide.
- Thinks the desire to have a model/chart that results in consistency is a good thing to want, but he is not sure there is a tool that can be developed that is simple enough to use without being so simple it is prone to error.

Jeff Davis (WDFW)

- Proposed the idea that efforts be focused more on Small Landowner education, rather than a model. Put together an education piece so that the landowners know why risks are assessed the way they are instead of just knowing it's high risk versus low risk.

There was other discussion around whether or not Board Manual 21 is as usable and helpful as it was supposed to be. A few people felt that it was only helpful to people who are very educated with these issues and not useful for the average landowner.

Conclusion: The group decided this warrants educating themselves more about and Sherri and Ken would take it to policy and see how they feel. On top of that next month Dick Miller can come in and present his materials relating to risk assessment and the group can make a decision from there.

11:45-12:45 Lunch

12:45 – Editing the draft, Eastside Restoration Riparian Function:

- Marc Engel took notes on the wordsmithing that was done to the draft. version 3, the final version, was sent out 2/8/08 via e-mail.
- The next meeting in March will be the final review in this context, after the meeting it will be assimilated into the full existing manual and it will be posted until the policy meeting in April.
- With the Board Members concurrence it will be mailed to the Forest Practices Board (FPB) members before the May Board Meeting when SLOAC will propose the amendment to be added to board manual 21.

2:30 Member Updates:

- **Dennis Dart (Chair):**
 - Note: The meeting today started at 10 am and he would like to get back to starting the meetings at 9 am.
- **Ken Miller:**
 - Gave an update about what he has been working with changes related to 20,000 board feet being a class 1 vs. a class 2 and shortening the Application from five pages to two pages. The hope is to have a special short form for class two, which might discourage people from harvesting close to streams.
- **Mary McDonald:**
 - Mary informed everyone she would be speaking to the Forest Practices Board about the Small Forest Landowner Office and the Small Forest Landowner Advisory Board at the Forest Practices Board (FPB) meeting. She passed out a copy of the letter written to the board members to everyone.
- **Marc Engel:**
 - Wrote a staff report for the FPB about the amendment to the board manual and the intended timeline.
 - He is also sending out an e-mail to everyone with some questions surrounding TFW and asking you to all respond with your opinions, it is much appreciated! ☺